

**ALSTON SPECIAL
COUNSEL**

**IN EMPIRE LIFE
CO. CASE**

Attorney General
Requested

Appointment
Owing to

Rush of
Work

Insurance Commissioner Wright has appointed Robert C. Alston, of Atlanta, as Special Counsel to the Commissioner in the Case of the Empire Life Insurance Company.

Under the terms of the Insurance Law passed in 1912, the Insurance Commissioner was empowered to name Special Counsel in Cases where his Department was handling the Affairs of an Insurance Company turned over to it by the Courts. This has been done by the Insurance Commissioner in previous Cases, one of the most recent being that of the American Life and Annuity Company.

Attorney General Grice has represented the State in all of the legal matters connected with the litigation affecting the Empire Life Insurance Company, and he continued this Service until two or three weeks ago, when the Courts turned the Affairs of the Company over to the Insurance Commissioner.

The Attorney General has had such an extraordinary amount of work placed upon him recently that he found it impossible to look after the detailed legal matters connected with the Adjudication of the Affairs of the Empire Life Company, and for that reason he suggested to the Insurance Commissioner that he appoint Special Counsel.

In addition to assisting in preparing the State's Argument in the Frank Case before the United States Supreme Court, in assisting in preparing the State's Argument in the Western and Atlantic Railroad Bill before the Tennessee legislature, the Attorney General has been called upon to represent the State Bank Examiner in a number of Cases involving Receiverships for State Banks.
